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A TRVE REPORT

Of the moſt gratious and mercifull meſſage of hir moſt excellent *Maieſtie, ſent by the righte* honourable Sir Chriſtopher Hatton Knight, Vizchamberlaine, & one of hir Highneſſe moſt honourable priuie Counſell, to the place where THOMAS APPELTREE ſhould haue ſuffered for his moſt Traitorlike action:

With ſuch other diſcourſe as it pleaſed him to vſe vpon the matter at the ſame time: wherein nothing is added, but his onely ſpeach verbatim, as my weake memorie would ſerue me to doe it.

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Maſter Carie, Hir moſt excellent maieſtie is pleaſed to ſende me to deliuer hir commandement to you touching this man novv here preſently to die. And firſt, I thinke it not out of purpoſe, to notifie his offence to theſe good people, vvherby he is not only vvorthie this puniſhment: but in iudgement of forraine nations, and by cenſure of forraine lavves, ſhould bee deliuered to the tormentors, to endure ſuch torture, as the qualitie of his offence in ſo high a caſe by good pollicie ſhould cõdignlie deſerue.

And to ſpeake of this fact, ſuche it vvas, and ſo feareful, as my heart quaketh, and my eyes can not refraine teares to repeate it againe amongſt you. (God for his mercies ſake ſhielde, and defende hir moſt excellent Maieſtie, that moſt mightily hath digeſted the notable daunger.) And ſo I vvil tell you

of this tragedie in courſe as it fel out.

It liked hir highneſſe in reſpecte of the great heate, to take the ayre of the vvater, vvher in graue and vvaightie negociation ſhe paſſed the time in diſcourſe vvith the French Embaſſadour by the ſpace of an houre or tvvo. In hir returne it pleaſed hir to take diuerſe pauſes, and the rather, bycauſe ſhe earneſtly redde a Booke, vvherin it ſeemed for recreations ſake ſhe toke ſome delighte. By meanes vvhereof (euen as it pleaſed God vvith his holy hande, as it vvere, to direct hir ſafetie) ſhe commaunded the Bargemen to ſlacke their labour, and ſlovvly to paſſe on, vvhere if they had haſted but tvvo ſtroakes more, they had brought hir royall perſon into the ſhotte it ſelfe.

Theſe vvordes vvere ſcarcely ſpoken out by hir Maieſtie, but this caitiue moſt vnhappilie (I muſt ſay moſt diuelliſhly) diſcharged his Arquebuſe, ſtrongly charged vvith bullet, into the Barge vvhere hir Maieſtie vvas. (God that hath defended hir, God that hath defended hir, thou moſt mightie God euer vouchſafe to keepe hir.) With this blovv the

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in ſixe foote of hir royall perſon, vvas ſtrickẽ
dovvn from his ſeate, and vvounded through
both his armes, vvhich hir maieſtie behelde,
& kingly handled this cauſe, as euẽ ſtraight
I vvil tel you.

My Lordes of hir Maieſties counſel diſ-
pearſed abroade in their affaires, hearing of
this moſte perilous accidente, returned to
Court, vvith ſuche ſpeede as the vvaighte of
ſuch a cauſe might moue them to doe, and
there vvith fearefull and louing applauſure
tovvard hir Maieſtie, did moſt holily thanke
our God for his ſingular helpe in the preſer-
uation of our moſt deare and righteous So-
ueraigne.

That done according, vvith their loues,
and duties of ſeruice to God, hir maieſtie &
this vvhole eſtate: after deliberate, and moſte
graue conſultation of the cauſe, they al moſt
humbly on their knees beſought the Queene
that this ſlaue might ſuffer, not this death,
but tenne thouſand deaths (if ſo it vvere poſ-
ſible in nature to do) for his ſo raſh & feare-
full offence. Such, in deede, might the offẽce

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haue bene, vvhich God for his mercies ſake hath moſte fauourablye forbidden, that it mighte haue roughte vppe tō heauen, and ſhould moſt miſerably not only plagued this hir ovvne land, but all the true ſeruauntes of God diſpearſed through Chriſtendome, our Religion, & true faith in Ieſus Chriſt, vvhich vve enioy vvith vnſpekeable comfort of free conſciencē, might hereby haue ſuffered confuſion, and perſecution of bloude, and vengaunce amongſt vs. Our peace, and ſecure eſtates encreaſed vvith exceeding vvelthes, and nourished vvith moſt ſvveet quietneſſe of life by this hir moſt happie gouernment, and raigne of tvventie yeares, might hereby haue bene turned to blouddie vvarres, the fruites vvhereof is burning and ſpoyling of houſes and goods, rauishing and deſtroying of our vviues and children. And vvhat vengeāce ſoeuer the vvorld can bring forth, the ſame should haue fallen on vs, I ſaye on vs, then the moſt miſerable mē in the vvorld. And therfore heare me I pray you: Let vs acknovvledge before God vvith all humble thankefulneſſe theſe vnſpeakeable benefits,

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vvhich vve haue inioyed, and ſtill ſhal doe, vvhile God vpholdeth hir bleſſed life, and ſtate amongſt vs. The loſſe, and lacke of vvhom, can not but bring on vs all theſe calamities, and ten thouſand moe, vvhich I can not forſee. If then by theſe, and all other benefits, vvhich you poſſeſſe, feele, and taſt of, you finde hovv ineſtimable, and precious a ievvell this our deare Soueraine is for vs, and amongſt vs, vvhat plague, torment, or puniſhment, could ſuffiſe you for reuenge on him, that by any means ſhould depriue you of ſuch heauenly, and vvorldly felicities, as daylye by hir holye hande are miniſtred amongſt you? But I vvill meddle no further vvith theſe matters. I knovv you thanke god for them, and vvith true and faithfull obedient hartes vvil euer ſerue hir moſt excellent Maieſtie, vvhom he hath made his miniſter to diſtribute all theſe bleſsings into youre boſomes.

And novv, if it pleaſe you, you may vvith maruel heare the meſſage I come of. I bring mercie to this man, the gracious pardon of our moſt deare Soueraigne, vvho vvith hyr

merciſull eie, beholding the cleareneſſe of this mans hart, free from euil thoughte, and conſequently from prepenſion of anye malicious fact againſt hir perſon, vouchſafeth to pull him from the Gallovvs. A notable action of compaſsion proceding from a heauenly minde, and ſo farre different from the common nature of man, forced into a feareſull iealouſie of loſſe of life, as hath neuer bin read nor heard of.

If caſually a man ſuffer hurt in the fieldes by an arrovve ſhotte by chaunce at rouing markes, hovv reuengefully the partie offended vvill followve his proceſſe of felonie, I haue oft ſeene, and the lavv doth vvel allovv it. If in the Court the meaneſt ſeruing man ſtrike his felovv vvith his fiſt ſo that he bleed, he is to looſe the ſame hand. Manye other examples may be giuen you, both touching the caſualtie in this mans fact, and touching the place, and preſence, vvherein it chanced to be done.

But our Queene looketh neither on hyr prerogatiue, on the povver of hir lavves, nor on the perill of hir perſon, but vvith the nobilitie

bilitie of hir hearte, the daunger onely done to hir ſelfe, doth as you heare, freely pardon it.

And in the ſacred vvorde of hir kinglie eſtate I proteſt it vnto you, ſhe hath firmely auovved that ſhe had rather haue ſuffred the vvounds the Bargeman novv hath, ten folde, than the meaneſt of vs al, or of any ſubiects, ſhould ſuffer the ſlaunder of ſo tyrannous or trayterous a facte, yea, or of the prepenſion, or forethoughte of ſo horrible a treaſon towarde hir, though it vvere in facte neuer executed.

Wherein to all our ſingular comfortes, it pleaſed hir vvith moſt princelie affection & earneſtneſſe, graciouſly to affirme, that neuer Prince had better, nor more kinde true Subiectes. God for his mercie directe vs, euer to be ſo, and vvith our due gratefulneſſe to ſacrifiſe at hir kinglie feete our bloud and lyues for hir ſeruice ſake, vvhen occaſion ſhal call vs thereto.

One other thing I find hir Maieſtie troubled vvith, that is, the ſorovv this noble yong Gentleman, M. Henrie Carie hath ſuffered in continual griefe of his hart for the offence

of his man, vvho through the vaine ieloſie of ſome euill dyſpoſed perſons, hath lykevviſe borne ſome ſclaunder of the cauſe. But it ſuffiſeth to cleare him, that no intent of malice, nor forethought of this facte, is founde in the partie himſelfe. His conuerſation beſides vvith exceeding fayth and diligence in hir highneſſe ſeruice, vvil euer deliuer him, as a moſt acceptable Gentleman free from this and all other euil in the ſight of hir Maieſtie and all the vvorlde: I ſhall not need therfore to ſpeake of him, for his cauſe needeth none excuſe.

Here may you beholde the rare goodnes of our greate and gracious Miſtreſſe, full of Religion & pietie, Iuſtice and mercie, Temperance and magnanimitie (and that I cannot but tell you) of the moſt conſtant and noble courage that euer liued: the proofe vvhereof (the cauſe hard, vvherat I vvas preſent) I leaue to your iudgements.

Hir Maieſtie taking proſpecte out of the bales of hir Barge, at the very inſtant did ſee the man ſtroken, and beholde his fall, and heard, as it vvere, his deadly ſcritche, vvhom ſhe

ſhe immediately commaunded to bee taken vppe, and then beholding him all embrued vvith bloud, commaunded his vvoundes to be lapped vp vvith a ſcarffe of hir ovvne, and ſo vvith hir moſt conſtant and amiable coũtenance, continued hir entertainment of the Embaſſadour, as though there had bene no ſuch matter. Aftervvardes the man began to fainte, hir highneſſe then commaunded a cloke to be put on his body, vvith other ſuch neceſſarie relieſes as vvere there preſentely to be had, vvithout alteration of countenance.

Beholde this kinglie heart, and courage of rare magnanimitie, ſeing, as it vvere, the preſent death of the next to hir, neyther feared hir ovvne lyfe, nor vvas diſmayed vvith this treaſonable chaunce. An action more than maruellous in hir ſexe. Hereof hovv much vve may reioyce, I vvant vvit to tell you. But in one vvorde, hir highneſſe, that vvith hir ſingular vviſdome and policy hath preſerued hir Empire theſe tvventie yeares in moſt ioyfull peace, vvith this courage and magnanimitie vvill (no doubt) as mightily defend vs in the moſt cruell vvarres. God therefore

euer bliſſe hir, and let vs vvith oure handes ſtretched vp to heauen, and oure eyes fixed on the ſeate of God, pray for hir long lyfe, and moſte proſperous raigne ouer vs. THOMAS APPELTREE receyue thy lyfe from hir moſt excellent Maieſtie, and praye vnto God vpon thy knees for hir all thy dayes to come. &c.

And ſo the people being moued to prayer for hir Maieſties moſte happie eſcape, and for the bleſsing of God to lengthen hir dayes for many and many yeares, he fell dovvne on his knees vvith greate deuotion amongſt them, and ſo departed vvith exceding ioy to the people, and a thouſand bleſsings on himſelfe.

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